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Baltic Tensions

Q. How much of a cloud has been put over the summit by the tension, the Soviet pressure on the Baltic states?

A. Well, I'll be able to answer that a little more after, after Jim comes back from Moscow, but I'd say that it, it has certainly put some tension on

the summit. We, we want to see negotiations or dialogue or whatever you call it, discussions, between Gorbachev and the Lithuanians get going. And then I'd like to see the release of that economic pressure on Lithuania. And that would clear the air fast. But until something like that happens, there will be tension.

But we have a broad agenda of, of items that we must go forward on. And we've negotiated with the Soviets when, when all of Eastern Europe was in captivity, and when we had cold war times. And I, I'm unhappy about the state of play in the Baltics because I'd like, like to see them attain their, their desire of, of freedom as soon as possible. But I feel it's important from our standpoint, the important standpoint of Eastern Euro-

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"I'm not going to go out there and try to do something that might inadvertently suggest crisis and frighten markets."

pean countries and Western European allies and indeed, the whole world, that we have these discussions with Mr. Gorbachev. And I look forward to them very much, and I particularly look forward to the private ones where, where I can, I can get a better feel for the problems facing him and I can tell him of our priorities in a, in a very frank setting. Helen.

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